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LeMahieu Response to Governor Evers' Decision to Halt Negotiations

Madison – Following Governor Evers' decision to halt negotiations with the Senate and Assembly over Covid-19 relief and release a new proposal, Senate Majority Leader-elect Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) issued the following statement:

"I'm disappointed that Governor Evers has decided to back away from our Covid-19 relief talks.

"Senate Republicans have been working in good faith on a compromise. The bipartisan negotiations between the Senate, Assembly, and administration were beginning to show progress. Unfortunately, yesterday Governor Evers cherry-picked various proposals from the negotiations and then released them to the media. This is not a compromise and it is not leadership.

"It is also perplexing that Governor Evers would double-down on his insistence of a December lame duck session on the same day the federal government passed a new Covid-19 response bill. We owe it to Wisconsin families and taxpayers to understand how this \$900 billion legislation will impact the state's response to Covid-19.

"I will continue to work with Senate Republicans and Speaker Vos to pass Covid-19 relief legislation. If the Governor changes his mind and wishes to join these conversations, my door remains open."

Senator Devin LeMahieu represents the 9th Senate District, which includes portions of Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and Calumet Counties. He is the incoming Senate Majority Leader for the 2021-22 legislative session.

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